

Mission

AIDS Resource Foundation for Children helps children and families who are impacted by HIV/AIDS, or who have other serious medical conditions, to be resilient and to build healthier futures.

Values

We carry out our work with a relentless commitment to quality and behaviors that reflect:

- Health - We create safe and healthy environments
- Family - We strengthen bonds among loved ones
- Compassion - We care and our actions reflect empathy and respect
- Advocacy - We empower our clients to speak and speak for those without a voice

Dedicated to finding family-centered solutions to the problems associated with the AIDS virus, the ARFC provides comprehensive services to underserved communities in NJ where HIV is prevalent. Through this holistic approach to care, affected families are building stronger and more resilient neighborhoods. Since 1985, the ARFC has met the changing needs of children and families affected by AIDS through the following programs:

St. Clare's Homes for Children (Jersey City, Elizabeth, and Neptune, NJ), 1987

St. Clare's Homes were the first in the country to give abandoned HIV positive babies a loving home away from the hospital system. Today there are 3 Homes addressing the transitional needs of the most vulnerable medically fragile infants, and ARFC has served over 1,200 children in this program since 1987.

St. Clare's Social Services, 1990

ARFC provides social services such as mental health support, medical care, substance-abuse prevention, support groups, and opportunities for families to meet and support each other in the community.

St. Clare's Housing Program, 1993

Committed to family-based solutions, the ARFC provides supportive housing to people living with the HIV/AIDS, including a transitional program for women re-entering the community. These affordable desirable homes help families provide the stability needed to live healthy lives

Academy Street Firehouse, 2002

In continuing its mission to serve youth, the ARFC opened a unique after-school program to address the specific educational and psychosocial needs of children living with, affected, or orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Brighter Beginnings Transitional Housing Program, 2012

ARFC provides supportive housing, substance abuse counseling, and support groups to HIV + women transitioning into the community.

Project Nest Transitional Housing Program, 2016

ARFC opened a transitional housing program for young HIV+ gay/bisexual men facing discrimination, exploitation, and homelessness. ARFC provides holistic patient-centered care through medical support, supportive housing, therapeutic/substance-abuse counseling, and academic and employment support.

These comprehensive services allow AIDS Resource Foundation for Children to address the many and varied issues related to HIV in underserved communities— fighting stigma, lessening disparities in education and healthcare, and helping families to support their children in a safe stable home.